



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Donald R. Brewer, et al
Serial Number: 10/087,245
Filing Date: March 1, 2002
Title: Timepiece
Group Art Unit: 2841
Examiner: Unknown
Docket Number: AFOSS.0107

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to make the subject application special so that it may be taken out of turn for immediate action. In support of this petition, applicants enclose the following:

- (1) A Declaration of the inventor, Diarmiud Bland, setting forth the fact that he believes the invention sought to be patented in this application is being infringed and the date when said infringement was discovered;
- (2) A Declaration of the undersigned attorney in compliance with M.P.E.P. 708.02 II; and
- (3) A check in the amount of \$130.00 for the petition fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i).

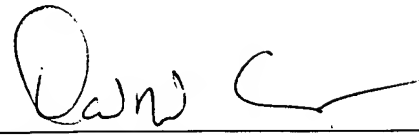
An information disclosure statement was mailed on June 3, 2002. To date, no further action has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office.

Due to the fact that Applicant's claims are being infringed (see appended Declarations of Applicant and Applicant's attorney) and Applicant requires a patent order to terminate such infringement, this Petition to Make Special is being filed.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Petition be granted.

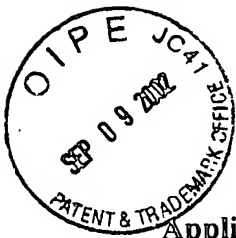
Respectfully submitted,

By:

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DECLARATION OF DAVID CARSTENS, ESQ.

I, David Carstens, declare as follows:

- (1) I am attorney of record in the above-indicated application and have read the accompanying Declaration of Applicant, Diarmiud Bland.
- (2) As a result of reviewing this application and the prior art, I believe that all of the claims in this application are allowable. Prior art comparisons are briefly discussed below:

After an in depth prior search prior art search, the closest prior art was U.S. Patent No. 6,008,871 which in claim 5 discloses a liquid crystal display device comprising a reflective polarizer and a backlight assembly that can be varied to make a displayed color in an ON state and a displayed color in the OFF state where the colors have a complementary color relationship. In the OFF state, ambient light from above is converted to linear polarized light by a polarizer. The polarized light is reflected on the reflective polarizer back to the upper side resulting in a bright display of a first color. The first color is that of the reflective display of the liquid crystal panel and is a shade of gray. In the ON state, a portion of the linear polarized colored light from a backlight assembly passes through the reflective polarizer where data signals are used to change the

displayed colors into a complementary second color to counter visual display problems due to the mixing of the reflective and transmissive display modes and enable one to see the display.

However, there is no teaching to use the reflective polarizer to allow for the selection of colored backgrounds. Instead, the '871 patent discloses only "changing" the color of the light from the backlit assembly and does not change the color of the ambient light.

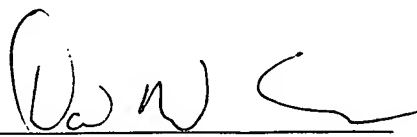
Another similar prior art patent found was European Patent No. EP 0 825 477 A2. This patent discloses a display device comprising a polarizer, a liquid crystal, a light scattering layer, a polarized light separator, a coloring layer and a reflective plate. In the OFF state, ambient light travels through the polarizer, the liquid crystal, the light scattering layer before being reflected back as a first colored white or transparent emission light. In an ON state, ambient light travels through the polarizer, the liquid crystal, the light scattering layer through a polarized light separator where the light becomes a second color emission light colored by the coloring layer.

However, no teaching is provided for its use for colored backgrounds (i.e. other than white or transparent) in the OFF state. In addition, no teaching is provided for its use for colored backgrounds for watches or other apparel.

I have caused to be made a careful and thorough search of the prior art. None of the pertinent prior art, alone or in combination, discloses or teaches Applicants' invention.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and, further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such false statements may jeopardize the validity of this document and the application to which it relates.

Signed at Dallas, Texas, this 31 day of August, 2002.

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d)

I, Diarmuid Bland, declare as follows:

- (1) I am the Applicant in the above-identified application, which covers a timepiece with a controlled color change of the display.
- (2) On April 5, 2002, it came to my attention that Youngs Watch Co. Ltd. of Kowloon Bay, Hong Kong was distributing display color changing watches which I believed might be an infringement of the claims in this application.
- (3) I have compared the claims in the above-indicated application with the specimen display color changing watches distributed by Youngs Watch Co. Ltd., and it is my opinion that at least Claims 1, 13, and 18 of this application would be infringed by the manufacture, use or sale of said specimen.

For example, our claim 1 recites:

A watch face with a selective backgrounds comprising:

a polarizer layer for polarizing light passing therethrough;

a liquid crystal display selectively rotates or does not rotate polarized light;

a reflective polarizer layer located beneath the liquid crystal display and positioned in a first orientation relative to said polarizer layer, wherein rotated light reflects off the reflective polarizer layer producing a first background on the watch face and non-rotated light is transmitted through the reflective polarizer layer; and

a reflective layer disposed beneath the reflective polarizer layer wherein the light passed through the reflective polarizer layer reflects off the reflective layer producing a second background on the watch face.

Here, the infringing watch has a watch face which alternates or selects and displays two different background colors. The infringing watch has a polarizer layer for polarizing light to pass through, a liquid crystal display that selectively rotates or does not rotate polarized light, and a reflective polarizer layer located beneath the liquid crystal display. This reflective layer allows the infringing watch to produce a first background color on the watch face. The infringing watch also has a reflective layer disposed beneath the reflective polarizer layer and this reflection produces the second background color on the watch face. This infringes claim 1.

Claim 13 recites:

The watch face of claim 1 wherein the first background is a first color and the second background is a second color.

Here, the watch face intermittently changes between a blueish and a reddish watch face color. This infringes claim 13.

In addition, claim 18 is infringed. Our claim 18 recites:

The watch face of claim 1 wherein said watch face includes a hole extending axially therethrough to provide for movement of analog time watch hands.

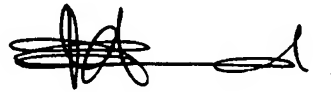
Here, the infringing device includes a hole extending axially through the watch face to allow for movement of an hour, minute and second hands. Thus, claim 18 is infringed.

- (4) On April 17, 2002, I met with my company's patent attorney, David Carstens, Esq. I supplied him with a specimen of the product sold by Youngs Watch Co. Ltd. After careful consideration and discussion, it was the opinion of my attorney that the product of Youngs Watch Co. Ltd. infringed the claims of this application.

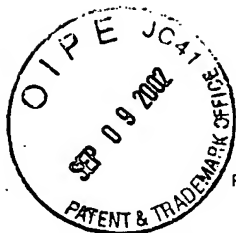
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Signed at Richardson, Texas, this 26 day of August, 2002.

By:



Diarmiud Bland



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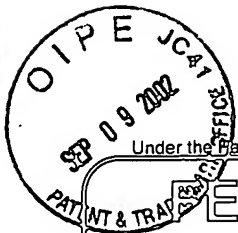
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- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required
Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

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1. BASIC FILING FEE

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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-20** =	X	
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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